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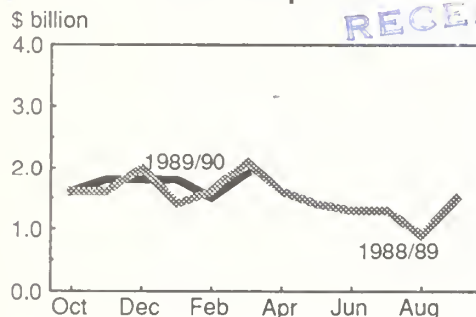
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Trade Surplus



March Trade Surplus Up Sharply -

The March agricultural trade surplus soared \$384 million from the previous month to \$1.9 billion. Exports increased 15 percent to \$4.0 billion, while imports rose 8 percent to a record \$2.1 billion. The cumulative trade surplus for October 1989-March 1990 totaled \$10.3 billion, 1 percent ahead of the same period a year ago (table 3).

Exports Soar in March - U.S. agri-

cultural exports rose to \$4.0 billion in March, \$535 million above the previous month. Increases were registered in all the major commodities, particularly in animal feeds, wheat, soybeans, cotton, fruits and vegetables, hides and skins, meat, and tobacco. October-March exports totaled \$21.9 billion, 4 percent ahead of the same period a year ago.

Corn export volume increased 5 percent above the previous month, with shipments of 4.9 million tons valued at \$554 million. Japan remained the largest market, taking 1.1 million tons. Other major markets included the Soviet Union, Korea, Spain, Mexico, and Taiwan. The corn export unit value remained at \$113 a ton.

Soybean exports of 2.4 million tons in March reached their highest level this fiscal year. The EC took nearly 1.3 million tons, followed by Japan, Taiwan, Romania, and the Soviet Union. Soybean meal exports also remained high at 514,000 tons, slightly above the February figure. The Soviet Union was the primary market followed by Algeria and the EC. The soybean export unit value moved up \$1 to \$225 a ton while the soybean meal export unit value fell \$5 to \$216.

Wheat exports totaled 2.9 million tons in March, valued at \$457 million, a significant improvement over the last 5 months. A correction was made in

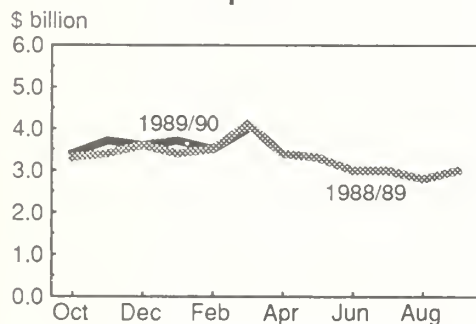
March wheat exports to include about 300,000 tons worth \$50 million which had been shipped in January 1990. Most of this wheat went to Japan and Korea. Shipments to the Soviet Union escalated to 847,000 tons in March, making it the largest U.S. wheat market during the month. Other major markets included Egypt, Japan, and China. Wheat export unit values averaged \$160 a ton, \$1 below the February average.

Cotton exports rose to 217,000 tons in March, a 25 percent increase from the previous month. The major cotton markets were the EC, Japan, Korea, and China. Cotton export unit values fell 2 percent to \$1595 a ton.

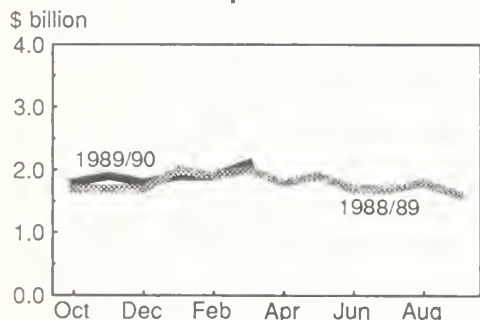
Record Agricultural Imports in

March - U.S. agricultural imports were a record \$2.1 billion in March. For the third straight month, fruit and vegetable imports burgeoned. Coffee imports rose 19 percent to \$221 million, almost entirely due to an increase in volume. March has been the strongest month for agricultural imports in 5 of the last 6 years. (Steve Milmo, 202-786-1822)

Exports



Imports



Japan Remains Leading Export

Market in FY 1990 - Shipments of U.S. farm products to Japan during the first half of FY 1990 totaled almost \$4.3 billion, 1 percent above the same period a year ago. The Soviet Union was again the second largest market at \$1.9 billion. Canada moved up 3 places to third, as value increased 56 percent to \$1.5 billion. Korea moved up one position to fourth with \$1.4 billion. Other leading markets so far in FY 1990 include Mexico, the Netherlands, Taiwan, West Germany, Spain, and Egypt (see table 4).

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	21,130,798	21,904,250	--	--	4,028,502	4,038,405
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	3,322,760	3,264,895	--	--	578,407	603,913
Animals live - excl poultry (NA)	--	--	314,672	228,036	--	--	22,707	25,839
Cattle and calves - live (NO)	187	68	110,410	49,831	16	14	9,907	9,969
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	19	36	156,680	150,425	4	9	7,829	11,099
Swine - live (NO)	161	42	17,459	5,739	6	3	766	650
Sheep and lambs, live (NO)	150	192	5,964	6,204	33	34	1,335	1,226
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	24,158	15,836	--	--	2,871	2,895
Meats and meat products (MT)	396	454	1,151,221	1,195,612	81	74	230,331	225,285
Beef and veal (MT)	147	188	690,753	711,881	35	30	155,152	144,868
Beef - fresh or froz (MT)	144	183	679,896	696,610	34	30	153,530	142,303
Beef - prepared or preserved (MT)	3	5	10,857	15,271	1	1	1,622	2,566
Horsemeat-fresh, chill, froz (MT)	28	27	58,768	70,574	5	5	10,879	13,502
Pork (MT)	39	51	143,248	185,056	6	8	22,037	29,915
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	33	43	127,212	165,984	5	6	19,199	25,969
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	6	8	16,036	19,072	1	1	2,839	3,947
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	152	123	224,833	177,735	21	21	33,309	29,615
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	31	65	33,618	50,367	15	10	8,953	7,384
Poultry and poultry products (NA)	--	--	360,394	408,462	--	--	62,065	79,912
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	36,795	45,617	--	--	7,276	9,906
Baby chicks (NO)	18,474	17,883	32,975	37,039	3,783	3,925	6,659	7,302
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	5,820	8,578	--	--	617	2,604
Poultry meats (MT)	220	285	250,598	300,764	41	54	44,005	59,833
Chickens - fresh or froz (MT)	200	259	222,307	254,976	38	49	39,706	49,705
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	9	10	10,571	13,903	1	2	1,448	2,331
Other poultry - fresh or froz (MT)	7	7	8,445	7,698	1	1	1,462	1,536
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	5	9	9,275	24,186	1	2	1,390	6,261
Feathers and downs, crude (MT)	1	1	14,976	15,001	0	0	3,565	2,995
Eggs (NA)	--	--	58,025	47,081	--	--	7,219	7,177
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	235,252	150,541	--	--	35,965	25,879
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	6	2	9,495	1,345	2	0	3,510	334
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	53	11	69,483	15,774	11	2	8,722	3,093
Butter & anhydrous milkfat (MT)	2	19	3,770	29,436	0	1	635	1,597
Cheese (MT)	8	5	18,058	13,689	1	1	2,111	2,941
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	26,738	16,677	--	--	5,734	3,324
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	107,707	73,621	--	--	15,254	14,590
Fats, oils, and greases (MT)	716	664	285,854	242,026	124	124	48,393	45,601
Lard (MT)	32	23	15,881	10,709	6	4	2,923	1,827
Tallow - inedible (MT)	583	532	222,899	186,375	92	106	35,082	37,555
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	102	108	47,074	44,942	26	14	10,389	6,220
Hides and skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	840,066	900,544	--	--	158,868	175,907
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	12,502	13,002	661,016	683,619	2,527	2,373	120,980	127,012
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	16,074	19,478	--	--	3,669	3,059
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	78,387	106,137	--	--	11,820	21,031
Furskins (NA)	--	--	84,589	91,309	--	--	22,399	24,805
Mink pelts (NO)	1,572	2,349	51,107	60,116	393	740	11,702	17,583
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	33,482	31,194	--	--	10,697	7,222
Wool and mohair (MT)	3	4	19,890	21,619	0	0	2,496	2,707
Sausage casings (MT)	5	5	14,706	17,498	1	1	2,502	2,474
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	25,032	30,272	--	--	2,974	4,939
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	--	--	75,673	70,284	--	--	12,105	15,370
Grains and feeds (MT)	57,464	61,608	8,418,505	8,509,950	11,465	10,432	1,703,420	1,484,233
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	18,268	13,897	2,884,539	2,249,474	3,858	2,855	622,648	457,395
Wheat flour (MT)	599	518	122,537	120,782	79	88	18,827	21,277
Bulgur wheat (MT)	34	12	7,959	1,948	1	1	310	214
Other wheat products (MT)	5	8	4,897	7,349	1	1	781	1,294
Rice-paddy, milled, parboiled (MT)	1,562	1,509	472,591	498,299	318	255	92,026	84,991
Feed grains and products (MT)	30,971	39,306	3,805,953	4,420,970	6,012	5,823	733,652	653,608
Feed grains (MT)	30,780	39,112	3,748,572	4,361,168	5,965	5,788	720,287	644,813
Barley (MT)	460	806	56,280	89,256	43	104	4,978	3,323
Corn (MT)	26,182	34,061	3,218,940	3,804,175	5,137	4,888	624,747	553,626
Grain sorghums (MT)	4,079	4,238	466,562	466,911	774	794	89,254	87,696
Oats (MT)	5	5	620	684	0	1	48	121
Rye (MT)	55	2	6,171	141	11	1	1,259	48
Feed grain products (MT)	191	194	57,381	59,802	47	34	13,365	8,794
Popcorn (MT)	33	38	18,835	21,471	10	6	5,331	3,285
Blended food products (MT)	114	93	36,629	28,075	30	32	9,446	9,371
Other grain products (MT)	170	316	108,931	181,525	47	77	25,827	36,380
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	5,708	5,911	955,635	980,058	1,110	1,294	194,572	216,418
Corn by-products (MT)	2,836	2,913	423,279	420,139	460	683	70,386	97,166
Alfalfa meal and cubes (MT)	262	279	38,614	42,643	47	44	6,555	7,167
Beet pulp (MT)	428	328	54,174	40,448	97	84	11,780	10,441
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	404	287	48,268	31,460	107	72	13,601	8,102
Other feeds and fodders (MT)	1,778	2,103	391,300	445,368	399	411	92,249	93,543
Fruits and preps, excl juices (MT)	1,021	1,051	713,522	777,193	189	187	125,189	137,189
Fruits - fresh (MT)	862	881	502,292	540,235	163	160	90,403	99,471
Fruits - fresh citrus (MT)	523	473	278,183	276,281	129	112	68,213	64,093
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	269	195	128,854	108,367	66	44	31,333	27,169
Lemons and limes - fresh (MT)	75	65	48,424	49,204	13	12	8,190	8,381
Oranges and tangerines-fresh (MT)	177	212	99,133	118,283	49	56	28,645	28,503
Fruits - fresh noncitrus (MT)	339	408	224,109	263,954	34	48	22,190	35,378
Apples - fresh (MT)	182	229	91,089	111,070	18	27	9,048	14,435
Grapes - fresh (MT)	66	60	60,864	60,819	1	2	1,257	1,753
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	91	119	72,156	92,065	15	19	11,885	19,190
Fruits - dried (MT)	84	96	133,799	154,917	11	14	18,594	22,696
Raisins - dried (MT)	47	50	72,600	79,718	6	7	10,354	12,025
Prunes - dried (MT)	32	41	51,117	64,833	4	6	6,847	8,737
Other dried fruits (MT)	5	5	10,082	10,366	1	1	1,392	1,933

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Commodity group and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Fruits, canned, excl juice (MT)	41	37	42,603	39,463	9	7	9,440	8,138
Fruits - frozen, excl juice (MT)	12	13	11,187	13,125	1	2	1,219	1,848
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	22	23	23,640	29,453	5	4	5,533	5,035
Fruit juices, incl frozen (HL)	2,059	2,534	107,644	141,717	403	474	23,468	27,860
Orange juice (HL)	988	1,372	51,604	69,417	202	188	10,391	9,515
Other fruit juices (HL)	1,071	1,162	56,040	72,300	201	286	13,077	18,345
Wine (HL)	165	354	35,839	46,242	61	77	7,094	10,102
Nuts and preparations (MT)	281	330	510,301	516,221	36	46	64,173	75,099
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	93	83	285,819	266,802	13	15	39,534	48,216
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	118	175	95,423	105,036	21	28	16,816	17,567
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	58	57	87,824	103,029	1	1	2,468	2,332
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	1	3	4,830	8,698	0	1	701	2,280
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	11	11	36,405	32,656	1	2	4,654	4,705
Vegetables and preparations (NA)	--	--	764,430	1,021,428	--	--	139,832	198,518
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	344	466	166,276	252,811	62	110	38,119	70,381
Celery - fresh (MT)	32	47	10,175	17,261	5	10	1,574	3,022
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	16	29	9,511	16,796	3	7	2,131	4,061
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	92	95	28,730	41,730	16	18	4,988	9,442
Onions - fresh (MT)	62	66	17,069	19,845	3	6	727	2,784
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	31	34	11,419	13,066	10	11	3,226	4,394
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	36	40	24,119	33,931	8	10	5,457	10,364
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	75	155	65,253	110,182	17	48	20,015	36,314
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	134	150	98,753	116,200	27	28	19,097	22,328
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	28	29	21,503	23,144	5	5	3,856	3,846
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	78	89	52,106	62,714	16	18	10,110	12,656
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	28	32	25,143	30,342	6	6	5,132	5,825
Vegetables - canned (MT)	97	100	84,704	89,439	13	15	11,240	13,370
Pulses (MT)	277	360	147,601	197,284	44	47	23,322	22,346
Dried beans (MT)	192	250	116,773	158,190	29	23	18,773	13,376
Dried peas (MT)	67	82	21,235	25,152	12	18	3,349	5,474
Dried lentils (MT)	19	28	9,593	13,942	2	7	1,199	3,496
Hops, incl hop extract (MT)	6	8	36,581	45,912	1	1	5,082	6,834
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	230,515	319,783	--	--	42,972	63,261
Oilseeds and products (MT)	14,177	16,009	4,448,869	3,937,019	2,738	3,097	844,206	757,775
Oilcake and meal (MT)	3,135	2,676	884,813	588,449	711	531	195,553	113,616
Soybean meal (MT)	3,064	2,630	872,116	580,274	698	514	193,954	110,984
Other oilcake and meal (MT)	71	46	12,698	8,176	13	17	1,599	2,632
Oilseeds (MT)	10,352	12,668	3,130,568	2,954,620	1,898	2,435	563,303	562,038
Soybeans (MT)	10,992	12,380	2,982,973	2,790,129	1,820	2,376	531,648	534,703
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	52	61	27,988	32,250	12	8	5,666	4,888
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	37	43	31,672	30,984	4	6	3,272	4,638
Other oilseeds (MT)	137	150	40,258	40,423	58	39	15,527	8,689
Protein substances (MT)	33	34	47,676	60,834	4	5	7,189	9,120
Vegetable oils (MT)	690	665	433,488	393,950	129	131	85,350	82,121
Soybean oil (MT)	323	321	180,150	160,701	51	75	27,235	40,889
Cottonseed oil (MT)	86	99	44,397	45,670	23	18	12,202	9,072
Sunflower oil (MT)	106	78	55,328	40,953	18	9	9,405	4,948
Corn oil (MT)	85	85	53,879	52,940	18	16	11,659	10,439
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	90	81	99,733	93,687	20	14	24,849	16,773
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	134	140	813,963	848,317	26	26	158,782	167,744
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	22	23	155,003	155,976	10	12	73,484	84,890
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	82	89	540,768	578,850	10	10	62,473	65,874
Other tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	30	28	118,193	113,492	7	4	22,824	16,979
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	686	957	954,167	1,557,403	137	217	192,797	346,248
Cotton linters (MT)	28	24	10,585	9,752	4	4	1,585	1,711
Essential oils (MT)	6	7	84,996	93,336	1	1	15,523	14,713
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	238	296	309,501	371,550	48	50	51,384	54,406
Sugar and tropical products (MT)	475	1,287	384,932	411,705	75	164	57,209	69,452
Sugar and related prods (MT)	406	1,163	132,226	183,682	66	152	28,324	31,721
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	162	235	59,637	94,972	28	34	9,780	14,697
Related sugar prods (MT)	243	928	72,590	88,710	38	118	18,544	17,023
Coffee (MT)	8	9	45,576	53,961	1	1	6,899	7,491
Cocoa (MT)	4	62	10,738	21,032	1	1	2,093	2,845
Chocolate and preparations (MT)	25	32	84,744	99,149	4	5	12,833	17,397
Tea and mate' (MT)	2	4	10,118	19,225	1	1	2,272	3,544
Spices (MT)	5	5	13,924	15,295	1	1	2,423	3,342
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	18	10	31,851	17,868	1	1	1,971	2,897
Other misc veg prods (MT)	20	16	111,326	131,293	2	3	25,462	23,452
Nursery and greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	51,982	86,194	--	--	12,445	24,454
Beverages, excl juices (NA)	--	--	87,476	180,035	--	--	27,528	41,537
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	5,193,697	5,825,437	--	--	1,067,092	1,171,635
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	1,281,777	1,134,315	4	4	231,575	185,391
Fish and shellfish (MT)	297	303	917,534	934,435	61	85	236,216	235,099
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	130	199	413,603	430,818	26	48	80,240	94,048
Shellfish (MT)	64	61	349,971	353,803	21	16	101,454	89,579
Other fish products (MT)	103	43	153,960	149,814	14	21	54,522	51,472
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	142	117	736,360	682,570	28	26	121,574	148,559
Fungicides (MT)	14	12	82,893	96,924	2	3	10,934	17,789
Herbicides (MT)	75	57	395,876	331,836	13	14	64,054	75,628
Insecticides (MT)	34	29	152,825	109,490	10	6	19,846	26,507
Other pesticides (MT)	19	20	104,765	144,321	3	4	26,740	28,636
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	682,903	1,010,397	--	--	185,529	207,265
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	24	19	239,328	338,829	2	5	54,764	76,090
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	443,574	671,568	--	--	130,765	131,176
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	1,575,123	2,063,721	--	--	292,199	395,320

Preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Total agricultural imports (NA) --	--	--	10,932,636	11,570,226	--	--	1,972,896	2,142,889
Noncompetitive agr. imports (NA) --	--	--	3,149,808	2,843,963	--	--	578,902	549,722
Bananas and plantains (MT)	1,499	1,573	423,501	451,496	257	284	74,579	81,030
Coffee, including products (MT)	489	735	1,190,764	1,107,834	86	145	201,467	221,050
Cocoa and products (MT)	291	320	512,234	470,357	56	70	102,745	89,190
Tea and mate' (MT)	44	47	64,690	77,643	9	8	13,208	15,128
Spices (MT)	52	52	138,637	117,913	10	11	25,548	24,322
Rubber & allied gums-crude (MT)	483	427	579,808	365,599	105	82	120,768	68,794
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	5,114	6,550	0	0	1,154	632
Wool, unmanufactured-carpet (MT)	8	7	27,967	23,344	2	1	7,499	4,044
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	37	48	18,312	21,424	10	10	4,720	4,203
Essential oils (MT)	8	12	72,842	71,225	1	2	12,134	13,248
Drugs - crude - natural (MT)	27	29	110,559	130,181	2	3	14,905	27,949
Other noncompetitive imports (NA) --	--	--	5,379	398	--	--	175	131
Competitive agricult imports (NA) --	--	--	7,782,827	8,726,263	--	--	1,393,994	1,593,167
Animals and animal products (NA) --	--	--	2,527,367	2,758,376	--	--	423,520	463,148
Animals-live, excl. poultry (NO)	1,488	1,623	439,043	546,473	320	270	82,345	92,888
Cattle - live (NO)	768	1,091	338,687	462,334	174	198	66,407	83,405
Horses & mules - live (NO)	5	7	36,288	33,883	1	1	3,648	2,577
Swine - live (NO)	679	509	61,087	48,782	144	69	12,167	6,776
Sheep - live (NO)	9	14	842	1,057	1	2	123	123
Other live animals (NO)	27	2	2,138	417	0	0	0	6
Meats and prods exc. poultry (MT)	548	555	1,199,557	1,393,620	96	102	207,796	254,572
Beef and veal (MT)	324	373	724,496	934,161	58	66	131,220	162,286
Beef & veal-fresh/frozen (MT)	288	331	633,537	814,085	52	59	116,583	140,697
Beef & veal-prep or pres (MT)	35	42	90,959	120,076	6	8	14,637	21,589
Pork (MT)	198	156	409,658	395,828	33	31	66,207	81,952
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	125	99	201,036	192,520	22	19	33,310	37,691
Pork-prepared, preservd (MT)	73	58	208,622	203,308	12	12	32,896	44,261
Mutton, goat, & lamb (MT)	9	9	19,547	20,357	2	2	3,899	3,728
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	6	49	0	0	0	0
Variety meats-fresh/froz (MT)	6	5	9,247	8,540	1	1	2,032	1,435
Other meats-fresh or froz(MT)	2	1	14,757	6,758	0	0	956	304
Other meats & products (MT)	8	10	21,845	27,927	2	2	3,482	4,867
Poultry and products (NA) --	--	--	57,958	69,152	--	--	9,770	10,457
Poultry - live (NA) --	--	--	6,005	8,250	--	--	1,647	994
Poultry meat (MT)	3	2	7,760	9,390	0	0	1,526	1,999
Eggs (NA) --	--	--	9,588	11,499	--	--	1,940	1,770
Feathers & downs - crude (MT)	5	7	34,605	40,014	1	1	4,658	5,694
Dairy products (NA) --	--	--	409,012	461,182	--	--	58,816	62,352
Milk & cream, fres/dried (MT)	8	9	8,951	8,730	1	1	1,382	1,523
Butter & butterfat mixt (MT)	1	2	2,106	2,718	0	0	230	168
Cheese (MT)	58	70	186,136	215,987	9	10	26,786	31,873
Casein & mixtures (MT)	31	43	139,856	202,679	6	5	26,851	23,027
Other dairy products (NA) --	--	--	71,963	31,068	--	--	3,566	5,760
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	8	8	7,424	6,943	1	2	1,062	1,321
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA) --	--	--	149,625	79,663	--	--	27,382	14,064
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	3	4	20,401	20,646	1	1	3,837	4,214
Oth hides & skins ex fur (NA) --	--	--	34,464	30,632	--	--	4,818	6,409
Furskins (NA) --	--	--	94,760	28,385	--	--	18,728	3,440
Wool-unmfg, apparel grades (MT)	23	21	146,567	87,085	3	1	18,459	6,306
Sausage casings (MT)	8	6	32,659	25,083	1	1	5,347	5,100
Bull semen (NA) --	--	--	2,025	1,471	--	--	358	357
Misc. animal products (NA) --	--	--	83,497	87,704	--	--	12,186	15,731
Grains, products, & feeds (MT)	1,761	1,702	565,336	596,518	330	234	111,504	86,279
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	156	184	27,373	28,895	17	11	3,913	1,597
Corn, unmilled (MT)	11	20	8,090	2,050	7	1	7,632	92
Oats, unmilled (MT)	600	518	85,679	53,523	124	66	20,074	5,756
Barley, unmilled (MT)	121	140	20,783	23,108	17	31	3,180	5,063
Rice (MT)	56	65	26,914	33,844	10	13	4,584	5,910
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	73	84	157,400	180,508	12	12	24,794	23,909
Pasta & noodles (MT)	54	66	44,885	60,434	12	11	10,112	10,344
Other grains & preps (NA) --	--	--	87,896	84,851	--	--	15,055	13,476
Feeds & fodders ex oilcake (MT)	548	499	106,316	129,305	102	73	22,159	20,132
Fruits & preparations (MT)	939	1,058	550,085	646,585	248	302	130,579	179,715
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	674	792	342,820	437,126	198	258	94,003	144,588
Strawberries fresh o/froz (MT)	21	26	21,041	27,062	7	11	7,106	10,861
Apples, fresh (MT)	40	44	15,767	15,199	11	15	4,469	6,267
Citrus, fresh (MT)	49	50	12,783	14,448	4	7	1,218	2,904
Grapes, fresh (MT)	170	269	126,910	206,839	52	111	37,880	80,164
Mangoes, fresh (MT)	3	4	1,834	3,396	1	2	960	1,810
Melons, fresh (MT)	234	219	63,642	58,923	91	74	25,361	21,822
Pineapples, fresh (MT)	48	50	20,528	21,157	10	9	4,264	3,642
Other fruits- fresh or frozen	110	129	80,316	90,103	21	29	12,745	17,118
Fruits - prepared or preserved	264	267	207,265	209,458	50	44	36,577	35,127
Pineapples-canned or prep (MT)	141	134	85,129	75,922	32	23	18,679	13,311
Other fruits-prep or pres (MT)	123	133	122,135	133,537	18	21	17,898	21,815
Orange juice (HL)	8,554	11,813	307,578	356,245	886	1,414	27,233	55,762
Other fruit juices (HL)	7,010	5,850	159,302	135,510	1,014	949	21,883	21,570
Nuts and preparations (MT)	69	78	169,451	178,838	9	11	25,181	22,970
Brazil nuts (MT)	2	3	7,263	7,700	0	0	315	620
Cashew nuts (MT)	22	25	104,506	100,567	4	4	18,206	14,794
Chestnuts (MT)	4	4	8,296	9,814	0	0	43	98
Coconut meat (MT)	22	28	19,633	22,386	3	5	2,735	3,750
Filberts (MT)	2	0	5,367	410	0	0	64	82
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	1	9,494	7,752	0	0	1,427	483
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	1	598	5,899	0	0	156	404
Other nuts (MT)	15	15	13,934	24,309	1	2	2,233	2,738

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Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity - continued

Commodity and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Vegetables and preparations (NA) --	--	--	1,053,339	1,438,779	--	--	230,703	308,127
Vegetables-fresh or frozen (MT)	1,116	1,272	554,629	910,610	256	270	119,388	206,711
Tomatoes (MT)	213	297	123,516	350,598	47	76	23,217	98,767
Asparagus (MT)	11	15	14,386	23,247	5	6	5,553	9,030
Beans (MT)	15	16	13,612	19,439	3	3	2,887	2,988
Carrots (MT)	35	42	8,046	8,407	3	4	721	1,046
Cucumbers (MT)	163	162	65,404	64,099	32	27	13,190	10,490
Eggplant (MT)	14	12	7,008	15,459	4	3	1,978	2,813
Garlic (MT)	4	8	4,073	8,901	2	2	1,496	2,339
Lettuce (MT)	21	11	7,329	4,187	5	1	1,269	592
Onions (MT)	96	102	40,976	41,764	38	41	7,733	9,751
Peas, including chickpeas (MT)	29	27	28,055	33,554	5	5	5,878	7,500
Peppers (MT)	90	98	57,962	116,915	21	19	15,024	24,298
Potatoes (MT)	148	157	38,613	43,997	33	25	9,300	9,061
Squash (MT)	59	64	28,023	36,831	14	10	7,503	4,982
Other vegg-fresh or froz (MT)	218	263	117,628	143,213	45	47	23,639	23,054
Vegetables-prep or preserv (NA) --	--	--	498,710	528,169	--	--	111,315	101,416
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	36	36	69,466	74,198	6	5	12,622	11,169
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	22	21	52,603	53,885	8	5	18,501	14,631
Hops, incl extract (MT)	4	7	19,207	32,946	2	2	7,150	6,879
Artichokes - prepared (MT)	3	7	6,300	13,587	0	1	894	1,836
Asparagus - prepared (MT)	1	1	3,240	1,360	0	0	270	159
Tomatoes inc paste & sauce(MT)	86	63	67,628	59,353	20	14	19,915	13,233
Waterchestnuts (MT)	13	17	9,688	1,245	3	3	1,927	2,497
Beans and peas, dried (MT)	29	27	15,903	14,744	5	4	2,655	2,426
Oth vegetables-prep/pres (NA) --	--	--	254,675	264,851	--	--	47,382	48,586
Sugar and related products (NA) --	--	--	419,418	501,541	--	--	77,614	120,442
Sugar - cane and beet (MT)	757	785	283,924	321,981	152	204	49,215	88,004
Molasses - inedible (MT)	1,027	3,875	26,619	33,485	194	659	2,866	6,245
Confectionery products (MT)	29	49	52,664	87,387	9	8	15,908	15,785
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	132	133	56,211	58,688	21	24	9,625	10,408
Spices (MT)	11	9	18,061	12,082	2	2	4,540	2,712
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	72	86	227,270	258,134	12	16	39,148	46,675
Tobacco - filler (MT)	66	83	218,132	250,757	11	15	38,287	46,256
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	5	3	3,366	1,640	1	0	432	231
Other tobacco (MT)	2	0	5,772	5,737	0	0	429	188
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	6,420	6,203	876,784	907,657	1,040	995	137,708	136,022
Wine (HL)	1,468	1,486	469,064	503,137	235	192	70,072	63,921
Malt beverages (HL)	4,568	4,356	377,532	378,000	756	757	63,586	67,984
Other beverages (HL)	385	361	30,188	26,520	49	47	4,049	4,117
Oilseeds and products (MT)	1,077	1,031	521,210	483,062	161	125	83,284	63,435
Oilseeds and oilnuts (MT)	242	292	88,173	109,699	28	35	10,845	15,361
Flaxseed (MT)	121	71	41,192	22,796	8	5	2,662	1,050
Sesameseed (MT)	19	24	15,639	28,133	4	5	3,545	6,180
Other oilseeds and oilnuts (MT)	102	197	31,342	58,771	17	27	4,638	8,131
Oils and waxes-vegetable (MT)	654	583	398,083	348,203	104	69	66,985	44,870
Castor oil (MT)	24	21	21,842	19,858	7	1	6,648	782
Coconut oil (MT)	184	262	93,047	118,489	24	24	11,866	9,867
Olive oil (MT)	42	40	69,295	77,054	7	7	13,643	14,086
Palm oil (MT)	91	54	37,501	16,256	18	7	6,560	1,811
Palm kernel oil (MT)	98	74	55,462	34,471	15	7	7,838	3,436
Other oils and waxes-veg. (MT)	214	132	120,936	82,076	33	23	20,430	14,887
Oilcake and meal (MT)	181	156	34,953	25,159	29	20	5,455	3,204
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	1	0	1,754	239	0	0	791	136
Cotton linters (MT)	4	19	1,488	9,564	0	6	116	3,354
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	98	111	104,668	93,094	35	47	25,966	27,185
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	158,325	160,634	--	--	27,890	26,517
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	78,508	114,273	--	--	16,098	13,095
Other vegetable products (MT)	12	23	42,884	75,133	3	4	10,235	16,024
Selected non-agric. imports (NA) --	--	--	4,940,408	4,990,300	--	--	908,356	913,695
Fertilizers (MT) 1/	8,761	8,119	934,953	750,720	1,479	1,510	172,213	134,877
Potassium (MT)	3,869	3,583	346,393	295,189	653	607	59,277	48,687
Nitrogen (MT) 1/	3,390	2,550	446,315	316,847	440	577	74,465	61,052
Phosphate (MT)	1,330	1,974	114,199	136,518	379	324	37,309	24,699
Mixed and organic fertilizers	155	0	25,125	0	0	0	0	0
Fish and shellfish(MT)	16,314	699	2,591,060	2,586,937	107	112	401,499	434,156
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	431	479	1,132,449	1,266,024	83	76	217,345	211,320
Shellfish (MT)	179	182	1,412,169	1,296,181	22	31	182,372	219,169
Fish products, other (MT)	15,705	38	46,442	24,732	1	5	1,781	3,667
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	34	52	212,616	301,151	12	12	67,012	67,571
Fungicides (MT)	6	7	31,118	21,739	2	2	8,558	6,747
Herbicides (MT)	9	7	80,474	69,948	1	2	19,416	17,787
Insecticides (MT)	1	2	16,695	17,893	0	0	6,647	5,133
Other pesticides (MT)	19	36	84,328	191,571	8	8	32,392	37,905
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,157,122	1,303,215	--	--	260,353	268,408
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	377	1,020	530,955	628,536	147	133	116,147	141,167
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	626,167	674,679	--	--	144,206	127,241
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	44,658	48,278	--	--	7,279	8,684

1/ Excludes quantity data on anhydrous ammonia in 1989/90. All other statistics are preliminary.
 NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	Jan	Feb	Mar	FY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
	Percent				
Agricultural exports	3,758	3,503	4,038	21,904	3.7
Imports (c.i.f.)	2,310	2,256	2,307	12,900	5.5
Imports (Customs val.)	2,012	1,991	2,143	11,570	5.8
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus cif imports	1,449	1,247	1,731	9,005	1.2
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,746	1,512	1,895	10,334	1.4
Preliminary data.					

Table 4--Leading U.S. agricultural export markets: Value (\$Mil.) by destination, October-March 1988/89 and 1989/90

Destination	1988/89	1989/90	Percent Change
1. Japan	4,241	4,287	1
2. USSR	1,859	1,867	0
3. Canada 1/	981	1,529	56
4. Korea, Rep	1,145	1,403	22
5. Mexico	1,404	1,362	-3
6. Netherlands 2/	1,282	1,105	-14
7. China, Taiwan	802	1,002	25
8. Germany, Fed. Rep.	572	722	26
9. Spain	698	707	1
10. Egypt	496	474	-4
11. China, Mainland	707	463	-34
12. Italy	357	433	21
13. United Kingdom	444	412	-7
14. Iraq	399	368	-8
15. Hong Kong	281	334	19
16. Belgium 2/	273	292	7
17. France	301	290	-4
18. Algeria	241	261	8
19. Saudi Arabia	224	233	4
20. Pakistan	359	228	-37

1/ Adjusted for transshipments. Not adjusted for underreporting in 1988 and 1989. 2/ Not adjusted for transshipments.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Jan	Feb	Mar	FY to date	Change from prev. year
	Percent				
Total	3,758	3,503	4,038	21,904	3.7
Live animals	42	27	36	274	-22.1
Meat & preps	234	254	285	1,496	6.7
Dairy prod & eggs	25	37	33	198	-32.6
Animal fats	35	32	46	242	-15.3
Hides & skins	157	144	176	901	7.2
Wheat	347	385	457	2,249	-22.0
Rice	82	68	85	498	5.4
Corn	687	528	554	3,804	18.2
Other feed grains	110	97	91	557	5.2
Animal feeds	295	249	330	1,569	-14.8
Soybeans	472	457	535	2,790	-6.5
Vegetable oils	64	66	82	394	-9.1
Horticult. prods.	515	496	545	3,054	20.8
Cotton & linters	323	283	348	1,567	62.4
Tobacco, unmfg.	122	146	168	848	4.2

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	Jan	Feb	Mar	FY to date	Change from prev. year
	Percent				
Total	2,012	1,991	2,143	11,570	5.8
Live animals	95	97	94	555	24.6
Meat & preps.	240	230	257	1,403	16.2
Dairy prod, eggs	69	66	64	473	12.9
Grains & feeds	85	83	86	597	5.5
Fruits & nuts	336	341	361	1,769	9.9
Vegetables	322	337	308	1,439	36.6
Vegetable oils	55	56	45	348	-12.5
Wine	57	46	64	503	7.3
Malt beverages	58	62	68	378	0.1
Coffee	177	187	221	1,108	-7.0
Cocoa	93	74	89	470	-8.2
Rubber, natural	59	52	69	366	-36.9
Sugar	40	70	88	322	13.4
Tobacco, unmfg.	41	41	47	258	13.6
Seeds, flowers	59	64	67	368	7.8

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